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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with State Department and Justice Department
Officials Regarding Letelier Case, 1100-1200 hours,
21 August 1978

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Tony Lapham, General Counsel
[REDACTED], Office of General Counsel
Ambassador George Landau
Deputy Asst. Secretary of State for Inter-America
Affairs Francis J. McNeil
Asst. U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia
Eugene Propper
Asst. U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia
Larry Barcella
AC/LAD [REDACTED]
DC/LA [REDACTED]
C/LA [REDACTED]

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss aspects of the Letelier case as they pertain to forthcoming extradition hearings in the Chilean Supreme Court. Of particular concern were reports that General (ret.) Manuel Contreras Sepulveda, one of those whose extradition to the U.S. will be requested, will attempt to drag the Agency into the case as part of his defense. Mr. Propper said that the extradition papers would be presented to the Chilean Supreme Court about 1 September.

2. Mr. Propper said there were three basic areas of concern: Contreras' relationship [REDACTED], the issuance of U.S. visas for Paraguayan passports in Asuncion in July 1976, and the relationship of "Condor" to the case. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Agency information
on Condor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it could be used for background purposes only. Mr. Propper explained that Townley is knowledgeable about Condor and has mentioned it in connection with the issuance of the Paraguayan passports. He said it is important for him (Propper) to have some knowledge of the organization in the event it becomes material to the extradition hearing.

3. Mr. Propper said that as a by-product of the Letelier investigation the USG has acquired considerable information on DINA activities abroad, and asked if the Agency would be interested in receiving this. Mr. Lapham said this would depend on the source, and that in the event the source was a U.S. Person (eg., Townley), we might have problems.

4. [REDACTED]

5. The matter of the U.S. visas was reviewed, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Propper did not feel that the [REDACTED] case need come up although it was essential that General Walter's visit to Paraguay [REDACTED] two weeks before the issuance of the visas could not be avoided.

6. Mr. Propper asked the Agency to check its files with respect to contact with Pedro Espinoza Brava, the DINA Chief of Operations who has also been indicted. (Note: An earlier check failed to disclose any contact between the Agency and Espinoza, [REDACTED])

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7. Mr. Propper asked if the Agency could put out an "all points" lookout for the two Cubans wanted in connection with the Letelier case. He was promised we would look into this, but it was pointed out they are U.S. persons and special approval might be required.

8. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Lapham asked Ambassador Landau if he still wished to meet with DDCI Carlucci, adding that he would brief the DDCI on what had taken place at the meeting. Ambassador Landau said that it would not be necessary for him to meet with the DDCI.